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# The Middletown Transcript

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26, 1903.

## GREAT HOLIDAY SALE!

Middletown and vicinity remember to visit the Globe Store Saturday. Time and space prevent us describing all of our great offerings, especially of our beautiful holiday merchandise which will be offered this week. We will say in plain words that we will offer the greatest values that were ever offered by any merchant in the State or a hundred miles around.

### Here is Only a Drop of Our Great Offerings.

#### Remember Who is Offering This, the Globe Store.

##### Men's Suits

Men's and Young Men's Suits, All-Wool Cheviots, Oxford Greys and Scotch mixtures, for the holidays only. \$5.50.

##### Men's Suits

Men's Suits in the finest material, all colors, in Stripes, Mixtures and Invisible Plaids, for the holidays only. \$7.50.

##### Men's Overcoats

Men's Overcoats in Black and Blue Beaver, Oxford Greys, the very latest cut, for holidays only. \$5.00.

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115 strictly All-Wool Kersey, Melton and Vicuna, in straight and slashed pockets, for holidays only. \$8.00.

Young Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats and Suits; as many as we have left on hand will be sold at a sacrifice.

Men's Furnishings, single and double-breasted wool fleece-lined Underwear. All-Wool Cardigan Jackets and Sweaters, Indigo Blue Flannel Overshirts, Medicated All-Wool Underwear. The finest Natural Wool Underwear, which we will sell at the lowest prices ever heard of.

##### Men's and Young Men's Suits



\$7.00 Gray Oxfords. \$4.75  
8.50 Scotch Plaids. 5.50  
9.00 Fancy Worsted. 6.50  
10.00 Cashmere. 7.00  
11.00 Black Thibet. 7.50  
12.00 Satin lined. 8.00  
12.00 Black Worsted. 8.50  
15.00 Silk Mixtures. 10.00  
14.00 Pin Stripe. 10.50

##### Children's Suits

\$2.00 Black Cheviots. \$1.25  
2.00 Gray Oxford. 1.50  
2.50 Scotch Plaid. 1.75  
4.00 Black Worsted. 2.00  
4.50 Black Thibet. 2.50  
5.00 Mixed Cheviot. 2.75  
6.00 Very best Serge. 3.25  
7.50 Three-piece Serge. 4.00

##### Belt Overcoats

This coat will be a great coat this winter for smart dressers.

The "Belt Coat" is an Overcoat that covers you right down almost to your shoe tops—made from heavy Cheviots, usually fancy mixtures. "Some of them are Rain Proof." We also have them in Plain Blacks and Oxfords. A belt slightly gathers the back.

A coat that's a comfort on blustery days and chilly nights, \$7.50 to \$16.50

Now, Mr. Young Man, if you want "The" Coat, come see our swell line.

##### Men's and Young Men's OVERCOATS

Oxford Gray. \$4.50  
Raglans. 5.00  
Black Beaver. 6.00  
Blue Kersey. 6.50  
Black Thibet. 7.25  
Seal Brown Melton. 7.75  
Satin-lined Kersey. 8.75  
High-grade Oxford. 10.50  
High-grade Kersey. 11.00

##### Dapper Overcoats

For Little Men  
Swell, handsome and useful, they win the heart of every



##### Pearl Fedora Hat Very Latest Alpine The Panama Style Latest Style Stiff Hat Rough Rider Hats

75  
95  
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##### Boys' and Childrens' Hats

School Hat. \$35  
Fine Fedora. 50  
Rough Riders. 45  
Latest Style Hat. 1.00  
Steel Colors. 50

##### Men's Nobby Fancy Vest

Whites Pique. \$1.00  
Encrusted Silk Dotted. 1.50  
Nobby white Dotted. 1.00  
Latest Style Velvet. 2.00  
Imported Velvet. 1.75

##### FURNISHINGS

Men's heavy fleeced Underwear. 40  
Double back and front wool fleeced Underwear. 45  
Children's wool fleeced Underwear. 25  
Medicated Underwear. 90  
Natural wool Underwear. 50  
Very best Natural Wool D. B. front and back. \$1.00  
Jersey wool fleeced Men's Overshirts. 50

##### Men's \$4 Shoes, \$2.90

The very kind you want is here—from light and dressy patent coltskin to the heavy leather-lined storm shoes; and a big variety of shapes, in lace. All sizes.

About the best bargain we have turned up this season—no telling when we will again strike it so rich.

\$2.50 Men's "Special" Shoes, As good making, leather, trimming and style as you will find in any \$8 shoe outside this store—some dealers actually get \$3.50 for no better. Hand-sewed, welted and stitched oak soles. All leather. All sizes.

\$1.90 elsewhere \$2.50. Men's shoes of box calf or patent coltskin—Goodyear welted and stitched soles—comfortable shapes and stylish.

##### Men's Hats

Good Working Hat. 45  
Black Stiff Hat. \$1.00

## GLOBE CLOTHING STORE, MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

##### REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,  
New Castle County, Del., October 28, 1903.  
I, the undersigned, of Elizabeth Martin, Ad-  
ministrator of the Estate of William B. Bur-  
rill, Esq., in said county, deceased, is order-  
ed to file in the Register of Wills, in the  
County of New Castle, the following Letters  
of Administration upon the estate of the  
deceased, and to publish the same by causing  
certain advertisements to be posted within  
forty days from the date of such Letters in six  
of the most public places in the County of New  
Castle, requiring all persons having de-  
mands upon the estate to present the same,  
or satisfy an act of Assembly, or to make  
and provide; and also cause the same to be  
published in the paper or papers in the  
Middletown Transcript, a newspaper  
published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued  
therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of  
[Signature] at Wilmington, in New Castle  
County aforesaid, the day and year above  
written.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters  
of Administration were in due form of law  
granted unto the undersigned on the twenty-eighth  
day of Oct., 1903, for all persons  
having claims against the estate of the  
deceased, and that the same were presented  
to the said Executrix, on or before the 14th  
day of September, 1904, or before the Act of  
Assembly in such case made and provided;

ELIZABETH MARTIN, Administrator,  
Address: Martin B. Burr, Esq., Attorney-at-  
law, Middletown, Delaware.

##### REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,  
New Castle County, Del., November 20th, 1903.  
Upon the application of Elizabeth Somers,  
widow of William B. Lippincott, late of St.  
Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased,  
and the widow of the late George H. Lippincott,  
and the widow of the late George H. Lippincott,  
Wills that the Executrix aforesaid give  
notice to all persons having claims against  
the estate of the deceased, to present the same,  
or satisfy an act of Assembly, or to make  
and provide; and also cause the same to be  
published in the paper or papers in the  
same period in the Middletown Transcript,  
a newspaper published in Middletown, Del.,  
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ELIZABETH MARTIN, Administrator,  
Address: Francis C. Adler, Esq.,  
722 Louise Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

##### WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21st, 1903.

THE Chinese Commercial Treaty was ratified by the Senate on the 18th instant. Mr. Nelson of Minnesota advised it for not giving the United States sufficient concession in the way of open ports and placed the blame for this on Russia, whose attitude in Manchuria, he said, lead to trouble with this country. Other Senators agreed with Mr. Nelson, but it was argued that the treaty was the best China could give under the circumstances. Senator Lodge urged that it be ratified immediately as such action was held by the State Department to be essential. He added that the ratification of the treaty would have a good effect in the settlement of the Eastern question.

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By a bitter attack on the Administration, which reminded one of the days when he hailed Aguirre as a second George Washington, Senator Hoar caused a sharp party debate on the Panama question. The Senator read his speech from a carefully prepared manuscript, and this fact made his violent statements all the more remarkable. The following citation gives an idea of the character of his speech. "I want to know and I think the American people want to know, and have a right to know whether this mighty policeman, instructed to keep the peace on that isthmus, seeing a man about to attack another, before he had struck his blow manacled the arms of the attacked so that he could not defend himself, leaving the assailant free, and then instantly proceeded to secure from the assailant the pocketbook of the victim on the ground that he was the factotum owner." This speech caused delight among the Democrats, who would like to attack the Administration, but many of whom fear that opposition to the treaty would be a boomerang to the party. Mr. Bailey congratulated the Massachusetts Senator on being with the Democrats on this question, and Mr. Gorman aided in the attack on the Administration by calling the President a second Napoleon. Has it come to this that the United States must have a Napoleon indeed. Has it come to this that the United States must have a Napoleon to shape its destiny and to distort the Presidential office from its proper function. Senator Foraker made a serious, able and dignified reply to these oratorical attacks on the President. His remarks much annoyed Senator Hoar, who then attempted to tone down his written speech before it went into the Congressional Record. Mr. Foraker defended Senator Hoar what right he had to call upon the President to prove that he had spoken the truth in his message to Congress. Congress has now adjourned until after the holidays, when further debate on the Panama question is expected. There is no doubt that the treaty will be ratified.

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By reaching an agreement by which the land of the Philippine friars can be purchased by our government, Governor Taft has solved one of the most irritating problems in the island. The terms of the agreement are that all the land of the friars shall be bought by the United States for several million two hundred and fifty thousand. The Pope's approval of the agreement has been obtained and that of the War Department is now awaited. The friars first asked \$15,000.00. As the money for the purchase of the lands will not be paid by the people of the United States and as the purchase will meet the general approval of the natives, President Roosevelt and Secretary Root will not doubt ratify the action of Governor Taft.

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The House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads decided to make public the entire Bristow report, and that document has now been printed and every member of Congress supplied with several copies. The report of Special Agents Charles J. Bonaparte and Holmes Conrad has also been published. It delares that Perry S. Heath was directly responsible for the abuses in the Washington Office, and blames former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith for inattention to the warning given him of abuses in the Department under his Administration. Post Office Affairs are much debated in the House and there is still a possibility of a Congressional Investigation.

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The Quaker City Self-Filling Fountain Pen is a pen which fills itself and thereby fills a long-felt want.

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For detailed information call upon Baltimore & Ohio Ticket Agents or H. A. Miller, T. F. A., Wilmington, Del.

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Reduced Rates to New Orleans and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad.

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On account of the meetings of the American Economic Society and the American Historical Society, at New Orleans, La., December 28 to January 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to New Orleans and return from all stations on its lines, December 24, 25, and 26, good for return passage until January 5, inclusive, at reduced rates. For specific information consult Ticket Agents.

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ADVERTISE IN THE TRANSCRIPT.

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##### WRITE A LETTER TO-NIGHT

Don't go to the theatre, concert or ball, But stay in your room to-night; Don't go to the friends that call! And good luck let them write.

Write to the sad old folks at home. When sit when the day is done With folded hands and downcast eyes And think of the absent one.

Don't spoil your scribbles: "Excuse me, I've written to you again." Don't let your drooping thoughts bring back yesterday.

To many a bygone night When they lost their needed sleep and rest, And every breath was a prayer That God would leave their delicate babe To their tender love and care.

Don't let them feel you have no more need! For their love and counsel wise.

When the heart grows steady, When the head has cleared the way,

When you never forget them quite,

That you deem it a pleasure when far away.

Long letters home to write.

Don't think that the young and giddy friends.

Who make your pastime gay.

Have half the anxious thoughts you

That the old folks have to-day.

The duty of writing do not put off;

Let sleep or pleasure wait,

Lest the letters for which they looked

Be long and long.

Be a day or an hour too late.

For the old folks at home,

With locks fast turning white,

Are longing to hear from the absent one.

Write them a letter to-night.

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SPECIAL TOURS TO FLORIDA

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad via Washington at Very Low Rates

January 26

Tickets including, in addition to round trip railroad fare, sleeping car accommodations and meals enroute Washington to Jacksonville and return. Returning, leave Jacksonville February 10.

February 9

Tickets including, in addition to round trip railroad fare, sleeping car accommodations and meals enroute Washington to Jacksonville and return. Returning, leave Jacksonville February 10.

March 8

Tickets including, in addition to round trip railroad fare, sleeping car accommodations and meals enroute Washington to Jacksonville and return. Returning, leave Jacksonville February 10.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Ginn who reside near Townsend celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary at their home on Saturday evening. Quite a large number of relatives and friends were present, several being the Wilmington. They were the owners of many valuable and useful property.

Miss Anna Stewart  
Edgar Carrow spent Tuesday  
Wednesday. D. B. Stewart was a Wilmington visitor this week.  
Mrs. H. C. Gray has returned from a visit to Christiansburg.  
Mrs. M. J. Gray entertained Mrs. Hyde on Wednesday.  
Edward Gam and son spent part of this week in Wilmington.  
D. W. Cushing and mother have returned from a visit to Philadelphia.  
Mrs. George Swain, son and daughter were in Middletown on Friday.  
Mrs. Laura Jones and family spent part of last week in Wilmington.  
Mrs. Maggie Webb is being entertained by relatives in Newville.  
Howard Milligan, of Delaware College, Newark, is home for the Holidays.  
Misses Blanche Jones and Beulah Dolson visited Middletown Saturday.  
Mrs. Isabelle Bratten, of Newark, N. J., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sarah Cannon.  
Mrs. Edward Gam and son John, spent Tuesday with Wilmington friends.  
H. C. Gray and A. Smith were in Hockessin, Md., last week on a gunning expedition.  
H. C. Clark and sisters, and niece, Miss Daisy, paid a visit to Wilmington on Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Swain entertained Eugene Gravatt, of Glasgow, on Monday.  
Charles L. Smith, of Altoona, Pa., is visiting at the residence of Vinson Moore near town.  
Frank Sionth and wife on Thursday entertained her sister, Mrs. Charles Cannon, of Odessa.

Even for Korea the responsible heads of Japanese affairs would prefer to avoid war. Men of long experience and wide horizon are probably as well aware in Japan as elsewhere that island realms are wise if they avoid continental entanglements. England was freer and stronger after losing Calais than before. The dread of invasion which so long forced one English ruler after another to seek to hold part of the mainland proved illusory. It is the history of all islands that narrow seas give safety. Madagascar and Ceylon, Sumatra, and Formosa; even Sicily, have all been through their history, through much of it apart from the peninsulas near them affected, sometimes for a season held, but through long centuries independent.

"But Japanese public sentiment is in no mood for this philosophical outlook. Korea threatens Japan at every point. It is the Japanese coast. Its forts

will meet at the home of the Emperor on Monday evening. Roberte as leader.

Charles L. Smith, of Altoona, Pa., is visiting at the residence of Vinson Moore near town.

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Mrs. Miles Clark spent several days last week with her brother, Dr. F. Ellison, near Kirkwood.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, of Philadelphia, is spending this week with her father, D. B. Stewart.

Mrs. George Vincent and daughter were guests of A. Saxon and family, at Corbit's Station, last week.

Miss Katherine Swain has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Samuel Lester, near Delaware City.

James H. S. Gam has very kindly donated ten dollars to the C. C. Club, for the benefit of the reading room.

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, S.S.  
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,  
SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY,  
GREETING:—

Whereas, Emma E. Day by  
her self, Judge of our  
Court at the next term thereof to be held  
at Wilmington, on Monday, the First  
day of February next to answer the allegations  
of the said petitioner, James C. Smith  
according to the Act of Assembly  
in such cases and provided, and she  
also to do and receive what the Court  
shall then and there consider concerning  
her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem  
meet and consistent with the provisions  
of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore,  
at Wilmington, the Twenty-third day of  
November A. D., 1903.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,  
Issued Dec. 2d, 1903.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, S.S.  
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,  
SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY,  
GREETING:—

Whereas, Daisy L. Moon by  
her petition to the Judges of our  
Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said  
Court in and for New Castle  
County, for the cause of com-  
plaint therein alleged, has made  
application to the said Judges  
that a decree may be pronounced  
dissolving the marriage existing  
between the Petitioner and Mary  
Ellsworth E. Moon.

We, therefore, command you, as you  
were before commanded, that you  
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ENFET OF THE FOREST CHRISTIAN  
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### BEAUTY SPOTS of AMERICA.

Their Grandeur and Sublimity wonderfully illustrated in the colors of nature by magnificent reproductions of nature's scenery and life.

Supplemented with songs and animated pictures.

TICKETS FOR ENTIRE COURSE, \$1.00,  
INCLUDING RESERVED SEAT,  
SINGLE ADMISSION, 25¢.

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Trains Leave Middletown as follows:

North Bound—3:30, 7:30, 9:20 and 10:30 a. m.; 4:45 p. m.

South Bound—12:45, 5:30, 9:21 and 11:45 a. m.; 3:30, 4:45 and 5 p. m.

Mails Close as follows.

Giving North—7:30 a. m., 10:35 a. m., 3:55 p. m., 5:30 p. m., and 9 p. m.

For Odessa—9:30 a. m., 11:45 a. m., 5:05 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton, Earville and Sassafras—9:45 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 26, 1903.

### Local News.

The Transcript wishes all its readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. Isaac's.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

For SALE—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

FOR RENT—Several desirable dwellings. One on Cass street, and others on Main street. G. E. HULLICK.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3:30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8:30.

A staff 100 feet high is being erected at Taylor's Bridge on Blackbird Creek on which will be placed the new "Finn's Range Light."

If you have not paid your County tax it will pay you to do so at once, as five per cent. will be added on all trades unpaid January 1st, 1904. See the tax collectors notices in this issue.

Mr. Isaac J. Guessford, of Appoquinimink Hundred is mentioned as a Candidate for the Nomination for the Assessor on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Guessford is a farmer near Vandyke's Station.

Our line of stoves this season surpass all of our former efforts since we entered the stove business, and the prices are right. If you are going to need anything in the stove line we can interest you. All kinds and makes.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending December 17th: Mrs. Josephine Beerk, Mrs. Mary Calley, Mrs. Maggie Jones, Mrs. A. B. Rhoes, Miss Alley Scudin, George Heavilow, Thomas P. Johnson, Joseph Lowell.

The Missouri editor who refused to publish obituary notices of people who, while living, failed to subscribe to his paper, and gives this pointed reason: "People who do not take their home paper are dead, any way, and their mere passing away is of no news value."

The following have passed satisfactory examinations and been licensed to practice medicine in Delaware. Henry A. Cleaver, of Chesapeake City, Md., Harry B. Patton, of Wilmington, Del., Henry F. Smith, of Germantown, Pa., and Anthony Bacerzec, of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Paul Weber has purchased of County Commissioner M. N. Willits the property on West Main street, now occupied by Jones & Bradley as a confectionery store and ice cream saloon. We are informed that after making extensive improvements to his new purchase Mr. Weber will occupy the property.

Bessie Hill died at the residence of Edward Bishop near Warwick Thursday morning from blood poison, aged 21 years. Deceased resided near Gots Station with her parents, and had only been ill a short time. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in Warwick M. P. Church.

Compulsory education was given a set back at the meeting of the Association of School Commissioners of Maryland recently by the defeat of a resolution asking the General Assembly to pass a law requiring all children between the ages of 9 and 12 years to attend school at least six months of each year.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO CALL ON RETAIL TRADE and agents for manufacturing house having well established business; local territory; straight salary \$20 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travelers, 605 Monon Bldg., Chicago.

Mr. Frank Ginn has sold to Mr. J. B. Messick, his farm on the road leading from Middletown to Townsend, containing 243 acres. Mr. Messick proposes to put the farm in first-class condition, and as soon as the weather will permit, he will have a large force of men at work on his new purchase. This is a very desirable property.

Next year being leap year, the damsels can with propriety "pop" the question. This will be a great help to those timid beaux who stutter when the time to "pop" seems ripe. It will also give the damsels a chance to hasten those who have been hanging around for a long time, burning coal and papa's expense. In 1904 the damsels will have an opportunity to separate the wheat from the chaff.

Rev. C. T. Wyat's Bible Class in token of their appreciation of his service in Sunday School last night gave him a gold mounted "Post" fountain pen which is both valuable and useful. Dr. E. W. Caswell made the presentation speech and Mr. Wyat responded in words of appreciation. He feels very grateful to the Bible class for this thoughtful remembrance and will cherish it in the years to come.

Indications are that trolley lines will be extended far down into the heart of this State before many more months. Unless the plans now under consideration fail, there will be and electric line all the way from Wilmington to Smyrna, and if it gets that far it would only be a question of a short time before the line would be extended down in Sussex County. Representatives of the New Castle & Wilmington Co., and of the Middletown & Odessa Co., have had some conferences about the proposed extension down the State. It is reported that the Wilmington & Delaware City railway may be extended to Odessa, provided the Middletown & Odessa line is extended to Smyrna. Officials of the Middletown road desire to build down the State, but first wish to be assured that their passengers can be carried into Wilmington without inconvenience. —Ex.

While driving along Railroad Avenue last Monday Mr. John Solway fell from his wagon and broke his right arm. The fracture was reduced and Mr. Solway is improving slowly, but it will be several weeks before he can resume his work.

The Junior League of Bethesda M. E. Church gave a treat consisting of candies and oranges to about thirty-five children last Saturday afternoon, which was greatly enjoyed by the Juniors. The Juniors' next meeting will be the first Saturday in the New Year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: Superintendent, Rev. C. T. Wyatt; Assistant Supt., Miss Mary Adkins; President, May Kumpel; 1st V. P., Alice Dawson; 2d, V. P., Emily Allée; S. V. P., Ada Scott; 4th V. P., Mary Pearce; Treasurer, Anna Denney; Secretary, Lillian Solway; Organist, Lydia Dockett; Librarian, Reece Darlington.

The next entertainment of the Star Course, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church, to be given at the Opera House, December 31st, will be a grand Stereopticon by The Lincolns, entitled "Beauty Spots of America," supplemented by motion pictures and song. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln have won for themselves an enviable reputation in the lecture and entertainment field during the past twelve years, their work being received with greater enthusiasm each season. His observations en route crystallized into artistic illustrations, appropriate Motion Pictures, and graphic speech have made many an unfamiliar land vividly familiar to his auditors; while Mrs. Lincoln, pianist and vocalist, forms an important auxiliary to the charm of his work. It is the consensus of opinion among critics that their illustrations exceed all others in photography and nature color. Mr. Lincoln's negatives were made for him by the best landscape photographer in America, and the coloring of his slides from the brush of a master hand, while they are put upon the canvas with consummate skill, which comes only with years of professional experience. This quintet of arts, combined with Mrs. Lincoln's accomplishments, enables them to render a program distinctively superior. Tickets for adults 25 cents, children 15 cents. Chart at W. S. Letherbury's.

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### CHURCH NOTES

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Messianic Meeting—A World-Wide View—My Responsibility." Leader, George F. Wilson.

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### ROLLS OF HONOR

DEPARTMENT NO. 1.—Grade A—Grover Benders, Maude Denkeyne, May Kumpel, Mary Lewis, Lillian Walker, Emma Kelley, Harold Dawson, Jeannette Schreit, Grade B—Louise McGroome, Anna Denney, Josephine Cochran, Esther Davis, Helen Davis, Prudence Lewis, Ernest Sirmar, Victor Jones, Harry Voshell, Grade C—Emily Allée, Daisy Benders, Lillian Walker, Ida Armstrong, Nevada Alrichs, Isaac Gibbs.

DEPARTMENT NO. 2.—Blanche Deakyne, William Voshell, Benjamin Gibbs, Lydia Dockett, Jean Metten, Frances Johnson, Joseph Walker, Edith Shalcross, Reece Darlington, Clare Duryea, Mary Richards, Helen Sheppard, Olin Davis, Hilda Wilkie, Mary Tolson, Nellie Armstrong, Florence Blome, Ida Boehm.

DEPARTMENT NO. 3.—Grade A—Fannie McCrone, Elsie Boudin, Estella Beasen, Willie Kirk, Edith Jones, Annie Shalcross, Leanne Davis, Sophia Blome, Grade B—Lola Carol, Nellie Pyle, Bertha Whitlock, Lena Weber.

DEPARTMENT NO. 4.—John Hoffecker, Julius Kirk, Delah Muehle Hall, Fred Whittlock, Viola Weber, Mable Dawson, Edith Francis, Ida Jones, Maude Taylor, Frank Pearce, Oscar Minner, Hannah Kirk, Estella Johnson, Anna Wilson, Irene Reed, Eugene Ahern, Herbert Pye, William Eliason, George Edwards, Clarence Pearce.

DEPARTMENT NO. 5.—Lily Scott, Beulah Jewell, May Edwards, Burton Hall, Ferdinand Johnson, Theodore Whittlock, Alexander Berkman, Alexander Baris, Jimmie Walker, Harry Spicer, Margaret Reed, Sarah Kates, Myrtle Whittlock, Artie Scott, Lemont Jones, Frank Tyson, Albert Rhodes, Evans Kennedy, Timothy Hukill, George Minner, Osborne Baning, Harvey Taylor, Helen Hall.

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### PERSONALITIES

Mr. John Gill, of the Quaker City, is home for Xmas.

Mr. Robert L. Johnson is spending the Holidays in town.

Miss Mae Buchan is the guest of her aunt in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. William R. Holten was in Philadelphia over Sunday.

Mr. Edward Stevens is visiting relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Oscar T. Whittlock was a Philadelphia visitor last Saturday.

Mr. Alexander Wainsley, of Philadelphia, is a visitor in town.

Miss Nettie Kemp is spending the Holidays at her home in Trappe, Md.

Mr. Edward M. Vaughan, of Philadelphia, is the guest of relatives here.

Mr. Harry L. Field is spending the Holidays at his home in Camden.

Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls and Miss Annie McGolgan are visiting New Castle friends.

Mr. Howard E. Powell is spending sometime with his parents in Harrington.

Mr. Charles N. Lochner is spending Xmas with his parents in Frederick City, Md.

Mr. Joseph L. Parsons and nephew, Lemont Jones, are visiting Chestertown, Md.

Miss Grace Parvis has returned from a month's visit with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. Thomas McWhorter, of West Chester State Normal School, is home for Xmas.

Miss Louisa Wilson and friend, Mr. Lovitt, of Hightstown, N. J., are visitors in town.

Messrs. J. Russell Ladd and Charles Lewis were Wilmington visitors on Wednesday.

Mr. G. Ernest Johnson, of the City of Brotherly Love, is spending several days in town.

Miss Susan Foard, of Warenton, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Foard.

Mr. Joseph C. Parker, Jr., of West Chester State Normal School, is home for Christmas.

Mr. Sydney Peverley, of St. Luke's School, Pa., is spending several days with his parents.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Caswell, of New York, are the guests of her mother, Mrs. C. J. Jones.

Miss Eva E. Whittlock

## THE NEWBURY'S NEW LEAF

BY ELIZABETH ROBBINS.

IT was the evening of the last day of the year, and Mr. Newbury had taken from his vest pocket a roll of bills, his month's salary, and laid it on the table.

I think we had better pay up rent before any of the other bills, he said. Gray stopped me on the street to-day to speak about it. Says there are three months owing, and he needs the money badly.

Dear me! that will take nearly half of it, said Mrs. Newbury, with a harrassed expression, and I promised I would pay the coal man and the grocery man. They were both here to-day, and they need the money, too.

I wish you could pay for making my dress, said Maud Newbury, in an aggrieved and anxious tone. I know Mrs. Peters needs the pay, for Nellie Peters comes to school in a dress that is perfectly dreadful, and I feel so mean every time I look at her that I want to go somewhere and hide.

Mrs. Newbury's face flushed. I had forgotten that bill, she said remorsefully. Mrs. Peters must certainly be paid.

I sh'd think the milk bill better be paid, spoke up Rob Newbury. I'm dead tired of telling Mrs. Dale that "Mother thinks she can pay you something on the bill next week." She's got so she smiles a queer smile every time I get off that old gag. Guess she thinks next week never comes.

Mrs. Newbury's face flushed more deeply.

I owe Norah three weeks' wages too, and she getting impatient, she said.

There are two pairs of hose and a necktie that I got trusted for at the corner store, said Mr. Newbury.

And I am behind with the butcher, and there's a little owing the baker, said Mrs. Newbury.

For Heaven's sake, how much do we owe, and whom don't we owe? exclaimed her husband, wrinkling his forehead in disgust.

I'll get pencil and paper and reckon it up, said his wife.

After setting down a column of figures, she added them, then with a deep sigh passed the paper to her husband.

The amount was exactly the same as the roll of bills on the table.

They looked at each other for a full minute in silence. Then his wife burst forth impetuously:

I hate this way of living.

So do I, said he, but what can we do about it?

I think it's time we did something, said his wife. I despise and abominate debt more and more every day I live. 'Tis like being in the clutches of one of those horrible marine monsters we read about—the octopus, is it? You get free of two or three of its horrid arms or tentacles, and while you do that the others tighten about you. Then you get out of the grasp of these stronger ones only to find that the first have got another hold, and that three or four that have been wavering about in the water are beginning to wind around you.

Just so, assented he.

I don't see why we can't be even, just as well as to be a month behind all the time, continued his wife.

But, being a month behind, how are we to get even? queried he.

We might pay everything we owe, and then not buy a thing till our next pay day.

Rather a heroic measure that would be, wouldn't it? said her husband doubtfully.

I'm ready for heroic measures, returned she defiantly.

Well—I'll agree to it, if you want to try that plan. It is worth some trouble to get out of the grip of the octopus.

Oh! cried Maud. Would you really do it? I think it would be likely not to be owing anybody.

Two would be jolly fun, agreed Rob, with enthusiasm. Say! let's sign a paper—will you, mother?

His mother meditated.

I think, she said after a pause, that we could get along for a month. We are quite well supplied with everything.

Maud had been scribbling on the piece of paper which her mother had used for figuring. Hear this: she said.

We, the undersigned, solemnly vow and declare, that during the time to elapse between this last day of December and the last day of January following, we will neither borrow, buy nor run in debt for any thing or things whatsoever that we can by any possibility exist without.

Put a date on it, said Rob. Maud followed the suggestion and then looked toward her father.

Will you sign it? she asked.

Oh, yes, he answered cheerfully, and then handed the paper to his wife.

She hesitated.

Then, slowly, she wrote her name below the others.

Well, she said resignedly, if the rest of you can get along, I can.

What will you do about Norah? asked her husband.

Oh, Norah! She never entered my head when I signed that foolish paper.

Perhaps she would take a vacation, proposed Maud.

I will call her in and pay her, said her father, and see what she says.

So Norah was called and paid in full. Then the vacation plan was broached.

Sure, thin, an' I'd be glad to go, exclaimed Norah. An' I can go to-morrow, did you say?

Yes, to-morrow.

I declare, exclaimed Mrs. Newbury later in the evening, I believe I am entirely out of white thread. Rob, dear, won't you slip down to the corner and buy me a spool?

No, mother, I won't. Dreadfully sorry, all the same, answered Rob, his eyes twinkling.

She looked at her usually obliging son in surprise. Then the reason for his refusal flashed upon them and they all broke into a laugh.

Evidently we didn't realize what we were enlisting for, said Mr. Newbury, but now that we have enlisted, we might as well take things as they come and get what fun we can out of them.

Now, mother, you can't sew on anything white till the first of February, said Maud.

No, returned her mother pensively, but I have plenty of dark thread. I might buy the sateen for your waist and be making that

Then she stopped suddenly, and there was another laugh.

Mrs. Newbury went to rest early that evening, and the others soon followed her example.

The morning was all that a New Year's morning should be, cold, crisp, still and sunny. Rob had the extreme felicity of paying Mrs. Dale all that was due her for milk, telling her at the same time that no more would be wanted for a month.

Folks going away? queried Mrs. Dale.

Well, no—not exactly, stammered Rob, and then hastily made his escape.

Mr. Newbury paid the rent and the little account at the corner store; Mrs. Newbury, the butcher, the baker, the coal man and the grocery man, while Maud's heart was rejoiced by paying Mrs. Peters for making her dress.

It thus happened, for the first time in years, that the Newburys were wholly free from debt, and they confessed to each other at night that this condition of affairs had made them feel at least an inch taller in stature, and sensibly increased the capacity of their lungs.

Mr. Newbury's work was at some distance from his home, and he had been accustomed to take his dinners at an eating-house.

I think you may put me up a lunch to-day, he observed to Mrs. Newbury, while they were at breakfast the second morning.

Why, John! cried his wife in dismay, you didn't go without your dinner yesterday?

It strikes me I did, he returned grimly.

Wouldn't it be better to come home to dinner? began Mrs. Newbury, then broke off suddenly to exclaim in still greater distress: And you had to walk—both ways!

I did, said Mr. Newbury, while Maud looked concerned, and Rob gave vent to a low whistle.

Well, I think that is a case of necessity. It is too hard for you. You must borrow some money of somebody, said Mrs. Newbury, with decision.

Fiddlesticks! said Mr. Newbury, his features relaxing into a smile. I'm not complaining. In fact, I rather like it. Six miles a day is nothing to kill a man.

I'm not so certain of it, said his wife doubtfully.

Well, I am, laughed he. All I'm afraid of is that it will give me such an appetite that the cupboard will go bare before the month is out.

The first week passed quite comfortably. With the house-work to do, Mrs. Newbury did not miss the sewing she couldn't

do; the table was well set, in spite of the absence of meat and milk; Mr. Newbury thrived on his fresh air exercise, while Maud and Rob did the same on their exercise indoors.

The second week was likewise fairly comfortably. To be sure, Maud allowed the nose of the coffee pot to melt off, and the coffee had to be made in a tin pail, but this didn't matter much, as the coffee itself gave out a few days afterward. It was this week also, that Rob's rubber boots sprang a leak, and he had to fall back on a pair of Maud's overshoes. Then slowly, she wrote her name below the others.

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